IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Valentino MERCATI Conf. 7193

Application No. 10/564,100 Group 1791

Examiner Michael Felton Filed February 24, 2006

PROCESS FOR OBTAINING TOBACCO LEAVES WITH A STANDARDIZED NICOTINE CONTENT AND/OR IMPROVED COMBUSTIBILITY

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents October 19, 2010 P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the final Official Action of April 26, 2010, the period for response having been extended by three months, a Notice of Appeal being concurrently filed, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.